**Import of cattle from Australia**

†2379. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 337 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd November, 2002 and state:

(a) the number of cattle imported from Australia during the last one year; and

(b) the total foreign exchange spent thereon and whether any health check-up was carried out before their import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) 201 Cattle were imported from Australia during the last one year, as per the quarantine records.

(b) Foreign exchange to the tune of 6,71,550 dollars equivalent to Rs. 3,28,38,795.00 was spent for importing these cattle.

The animals were subjected to health check-up by the Australian authorities before their import.

**Conservation of flood water for drought**

2380. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether drought or floods have been afflicting the same region or States like Orissa, one after the other since decades;

(b) whether any short, medium or long term measures have been devised to conserve flood water, for use in drought-hit areas; and

(c) if so, how far these have proved effective to control miseries and devastation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is concerned with coordination of matters relating to drought only. The Ministry of Home Affairs is concerned with matters relating to all other natural calamities. According to available

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